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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ross Island Sand & Gravel
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Re: Portland Harbor Superfund Site RI/FS AOC
Access to Ross Island Sand & Gravel Lagoon
Our File No. 062655-122238

Dear Mr. Cantlin:

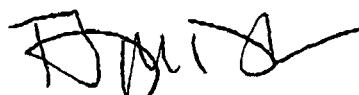
As we discussed by telephone Friday, November 30, the Lower Willamette Group is an organization that includes the nine signatories of the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC). The AOC is for a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study at the Portland Harbor Federal Superfund Site. On behalf of its consultants, the LWG requests access to the Ross Island lagoon in order to perform a Sediment Profile Imaging (SPI) survey required by the AOC. As you requested, copies of the AOC, its accompanying Statement of Work, the SPI work plan, and EPA's approval of the SPI work plan are enclosed. The SPI survey, as you will see, is essentially a photographic survey of sediments from Ross Island to the confluence of the Willamette and Columbia Rivers.

The AOC and SOW require the LWG to complete this work on a very accelerated schedule. Accordingly, the LWG consultants would like to begin work at Ross Island this Thursday, December 6, 2001. The LWG expects to require access for approximately two days.

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c/o Richard A. Cantlin
December 5, 2001
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Please contact me at your earliest convenience to confirm that Ross Island Sand & Gravel will provide access to the LWG Remedial Investigation Contractor, Striplin Environmental Associates, to conduct the SPI survey. If your technical advisors have questions, please have them contact Betsy Striplin at Striplin Environmental Associates at (206) 241-5185, ext. 12. If you have other questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Very truly yours,



Patricia M. Dost

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